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SUBJECT: HOLIDAY VISITATION OF CHILDREN TO PHNOM PENH

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1. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE RELIEF FROM FAMILY SEPARATIONS WHEN POSSIBLE WE HAVE DECIDED, AFTER CONSULTATION WITHIN THE COUNTRY TEAM, TO APPROVE ON A TRIAL BASIS HOLIDAY VISITATION OF CHILDREN TO PHNOM PENH. IF THE TRIAL IS SUCCESSFUL FOR THE THANKSGIVING PERIOD, AND THE SECURITY SITUATION PERMITS, IT MAY PROVE POSSIBLE TO AUTHORIZE SIMILAR VISITATIONS FOR CHILDREN FOR CHRISTMAS AND LATER HOLIDAYS.

2. THE RULES WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE COUNTRY TEAM, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

"CHILDREN WILL BE PERMITTED TO VISIT THE POST DURING THE THANKSGIVING PERIOD PROVIDED A) THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR MOTHER, B) THEY NOT REMAIN LONGER THAN TWO WEEKS OR LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, AND C) THE VISIT

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IS APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY THE DCM.

"IN ADDITION, VISITS OF PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN, ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR MOTHERS, MAY BE ARRANGED AT ANY TIME BETWEEN NOW AND DECEMBER 1 SUBJECT TO THE SAME CONDITIONS.

"THE PARAMOUNT CONSIDERATION IN EXTENDING THIS HOLIDAY VISITATION PRIVILEGE TO CHILDREN IS OUR ESTIMATE OF THE LIKELY SECURITY SITUATION DURING THE PERIOD IN QUESTION. WHILE ON BEHALF OF THE MISSION WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO USE OUR BEST JUDGEMENT, WE CANNOT, OF COURSE, BE CERTAIN OF FUTURE CONDITIONS. IN EACH CASE THE EMPLOYEE HIMSELF WILL THEREFORE HAVE TO ASSUME THE RISKS INVOLVED.

"EACH APPLICATION SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "I UNDERSTAND THAT THE VISIT IS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION OR CURTAILMENT IN THE EVENT THE SECURITY SITUATION DETERIORATES, AND I ASSUME PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PRESENCE OF MY CHILDREN IN CAMBODIA."

3. THE STATEMENT IN THE LAST SENTENCE IS ALSO REQUIRED OF APPLICANT HUSBANDS WHO REQUEST PERMISSION FOR THEIR WIVES TO VISIT PHNOM PENH (RULES DESCRIBED REFTEL).
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